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serving voters with excellence and civic pride

Franklin County
Board of Elections

MARCH 2015

Primary Election 2015 -On the Ballot

Yes WE'RE
OPEN

Forty candidates were certified for the primary. Thirty-eight others advanced to the general election in November because they were unopposed or because they are candidates for judge who are nominated by petition alone and never appear on a primary ballot.

There are no countywide issues at stake in May.

- **Columbus** will have local elections for municipal offices, tax issues and liquor options, and will hold non-partisan primaries for mayor, council and school board.
- **Gahanna** will have a non-partisan primary for mayor.
- **Reynoldsburg** will hold a Republican primary for city council, president of council and for city attorney. There is no Democratic primary.
- **Hamilton Township, Perry Township and Village of Valleyview** will have tax levies for police protection.
- **Madison and Plain Townships** will have Fire levies.
- **Village of Minerva Park** has a tax levy for current expenses

Over 100 voting locations will not be open this election because those areas have nothing on the ballot. Your work location may not be open. To see a complete list of what is on the ballot go to: <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>.

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OUR MISSION

"To recruit, train, and place the best poll workers who are committed to serving voters with excellence and civic pride."

GOOD TO KNOW

- Lid #'s will stay the same for this Primary Election even though the number of precincts in your location may be fewer. The number of voting machines will be based on the number of open precincts for your location.
- Brush up on your Morse Code and decipher the important message hidden throughout the newsletter. The answer is on page 2. Have fun!

GENERAL INFORMATION



VOTING LOCATION MANAGER

Why was I fired as VLM????!! You were *NOT* fired. Ohio Revised Code 3501 states "the board shall designate one of the precinct election officials who is a member of the **dominant political party** to serve as a voting location manager, whose duty it is to deliver the returns of the election and all supplies to the office of the board. 'Dominant political party in a precinct' means that political party whose candidate for election to the office of governor at the most recent regular state election at which a governor was elected received more votes than any other person received for election to that office **in such precinct** at such election." It all depended on how your voters in your location voted in the election of governor last fall.

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New or sort of new...

To help you with determining if the voter is a regular or provisional voter there is now an info card you can refer to that has the process graphically depicted. It will arrive in the VLM bag; keep it close by when processing voters.

There will be 17-year-old voters this primary, they will as in the past fill out a paper ballot. They do not vote on the machine.

VOTING MACHINE JUDGE



A picture is worth a thousand words!

To make the closing process easier, an instruction card with graphics on how to print the results tape will be in the Cake Box.

Another new card reminds you to *never confirm a voters ballot*; you must always cancel a fleeing voter's ballot.



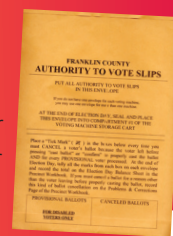
PAPER BALLOT JUDGE



We love envelopes!

Those pesky Reason for Paper Ballot Forms seem to end up everywhere after the Election, so we have created a **Reason for Paper Ballot Envelope** for you to put them in. Keep it at your table.

There will also be an ATV Slip envelope for the 17-year-old voter ATV's.



ROSTER JUDGE



★ PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

From the world of the wacky and weird! Do I have to declare my party in this primary?

Yes, sort of.... Normally, in a **partisan primary**, multiple parties will hold elections for their party members (voters) to select who of their parties' candidates will be on the ballot in November. Voters indicate their party in the Poll Book and vote that parties ballot. However, for this primary, the only party requesting an election is the **Republican Party in Reynoldsburg**. Voters in Reynoldsburg who are not a member of the Republican Party **won't** have candidates on the ballot. There will only be the Republican Party choice in the Poll Book.

OR No... **Columbus** and **Gahanna** have set up **non-partisan primaries** for mayor to reduce the field of possible candidates to a head-to-head race for the fall election. Voters will vote for one candidate listed or can write-in an official write-in candidate. The top two vote-getters will be on the ballot in November. The voter will not be required to declare a party.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6

Last day to register to Vote

April 7

Absentee Voting begins

May 1-3

Practice Makes Perfect

May 5

Election Day

TRAINING:**March 17-April 2**

Youth @ Booth

March 30-April 30

Adult Training

TRAINING LOCATIONS:**Board of Elections**

1700 Morse Road

March 30-April 30**Maranantha****Baptist Church**

4663 Trabue Road

April 16-18**April 20-25****When I call the hotline on Election Day what happens to my request?**

It is posted on an "Election Day Problem Tracker" data base and visible in real time so that it can be assigned to the correct department for quick resolution. The data base also alerts everyone as to when a problem has been solved. When your request demands immediate attention, your call is labeled as "urgent". Messages can also be texted to your BOE cell phone to quickly send important information.

The FCBOE received the *Bright Idea Award* from SOS Jon Husted for the Election Day Problem Tracker which was created by BOE Assistant I.T. Manager Dennis Landuyt.

**Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted** offered more reasons why every vote matters.

Based on a review of recounts conducted following the 2014 General Election, seven local issues either tied or were decided by one vote. In each of these instances, one person could have made the difference in deciding whether local taxes would go up, bond issues passed or an area restaurant or store could sell liquor. "Whether it is a statewide or local issue, every ballot question has an impact on our lives and it is important that every voice is heard," Secretary Husted said. "When voters stay home they allow others to make these decisions for them."

Remember, you can take the SOS poll workers on line training by going to:

www.ohioelectionstraining.sos.state.oh.us/



SECRETARY OF STATE



FAQ



★ DICTIONARY OF TERMS

1) After the PEO uses The Reason for Paper Ballot form it is placed:

- a) In the new Reason for Paper Ballot Envelope.
- b) In the location's trash.
- c) In the Provisional Ballot Affirmation Envelope

2) For this Primary Election 2015 (select the correct statement):

- a) More than 100 voting locations will be closed.
- b) Lid numbers will not change even though the number of precincts may be lower in a location.
- c) There are no primary elections being held for the Democrat Party.
- d) All of the above

**KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?**

Have them call us at 614/525-5393 or go on line at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/precinct-official/>